**Central Ealing Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee**

Meeting on Monday 6 February 2017, 7:00 pm

in Ealing, Hammersmith & West London College, W5

**Minutes**

**Present:** Tony Miller (TM) (Secretary) in the Chair, Jon Ball (JB), Tony Burton (TB), Ann Chapman (AC), Robert Gurd (RG), John Hummerston (JH), Ann Hunter (AH) and Mary McDougall (MM).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Andrew Cazalet (AJC), Gordon Chard (GC) and Jennifer Smith (JS).
2. **Minutes**Minutes of the 13 December 2016 meeting were approved.
Re item 3(c), RG reported that ‘positive contributors’ to heritage assets were now on the Council’s on-line mapping, though a small number had still to be logged.
3. **Neighbourhood Plan progress**
	1. TM reported that members of a sub-group consisting of AC, AH, RG. JH and himself had met the Ealing planning policy team twice to discuss proposed changes to the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan, to seek agreement on a statement of common ground to be sent to the Examiner for the public hearing on 16 February. This had to be done by the beginning of the week (ie immediately). Three papers (attached) containing details of the position reached were considered. It was **agreed**
		1. to confirm to LBE our agreement to the changes proposed to remove potential strategic conflicts with the local borough plan (paper 1);
		2. to suggest some further changes to LBE (paper 2) to try to resolve some of their outstanding objections, which if agreed would also be part of the common ground;
		3. to continue discussions with LBE on their list of non-strategic or minor objections (paper 3) to agree what if any action was necessary.

It was **agreed** that changes to policy and supporting text suggested by us but not accepted by LBE should be submitted to the Examiner. He should also be asked to consider the issue of whether the proposal to designate Haven Green as Local Green Space (draft Policy HBE4 ii) would have the effect of strengthening protection for the green or would as alleged by LBE weaken it. **ACTION: TM**AH tabled a list of points on behalf of Make It Ealing. In view of the tight timetable, it was **agreed** this should be dealt with between her and TM.

* 1. The Examiner’s agenda for the public hearing was noted, and had been publicised on the Forum web site. Names of individuals to respond to the questions already posed by the Examiner were suggested (as on the attached copy of the agenda); some gaps remained, and these should be discussed between members as soon as possible. **ACTION: ALL**
	2. TM reported that the Examiner had undertaken to report by end March. LBE would then have to decide its next steps, particularly on any recommendations the Examiner might make, including on the referendum area.
1. **Referendums**
	1. Regulations laid down the time limits for various stages of the process once the Examiner had reported, but there remained a period of uncertain length before the official notice to trigger the referendum(s) was issued by LBE. TB noted that although further rules were in the draft Neighbourhood Planning Bill now at committee stage in the Lords, it was unlikely to become law in time to have any effect on Ealing.
	2. Discussion on the referendum campaign itself was deferred to the next meeting.
2. **Future role for the Forum**This item was also deferred.
3. **Finance**There was no movement to report since the previous meeting.
4. **Future meeting dates**
	1. Committee. As the date fixed for the next meeting was before the date now expected for the receipt of the Examiner’s report, it was agreed to defer this to **Monday 10 April**. Further dates would be proposed later.
	2. For the same reason, the date for the full Forum would also have to be deferred.
5. **Other business**None.

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